

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 9, and 11-12 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 2, 8, and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshiro (JP 08-117668). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4. That is, claim 1 now recites that an ionized wind is provided onto the substrate before the discharging of the liquid material onto the substrate, and at least after discharging the liquid material onto the substrate. Further, claim 1 now recites that the liquid material is made of easily chargeable constituent elements. Because this subject matter is indicated as being allowable, claim 1 and each corresponding dependent claim are in condition for allowance.

With respect to claims 8 and 10, these claims have been cancelled. Notwithstanding, the limitations of independent claim 8 have been added to claim 12. Claim 12 is indicated as including allowable subject matter. Because claim 12 has been rewritten in independent form, claim 12 is in condition for allowance.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshiro (JP 08-117668). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 3 depends on independent claim 1, addressed above. Because claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 4, claim 1 and its dependent claim 3 are now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claim 9 is indicated as being allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claim 9. The Examiner also indicates that claims 4, 5, 11, and 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 4, and rewritten claim 12 in independent form. Therefore, claims 1-3, 5, 11, and 12 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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